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Rukmini is new Mayor

Anwar Baig is Deputy Mayor

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (RKB&BCT)- Despite tough talk by former Chief Minister and JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy that Congress leader and former CM Siddharamaiah was responsible for a break in the power-sharing alliance between the two parties in the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), the JD(S) stuck to its alliance partner Congress in the Mayoral polls held at Nalwadi Krishnaraja Hall this morning.

As a result, Rukmini Madegowda, Ward 36 JD(S) Corporator, was elected as the 34th Mayor in the 23rd Mayoral term. The Mayor's post was reserved for General Category (woman) candidate. Ward 10 Congress Corporator Anwar Baig was elected as Deputy Mayor. While Rukmini got 43 votes, Anwar Baig secured 44 votes.

Rukmini Madegowda of JD-S** (right), **who was elected as new Mayor of Mysuru today, seen with Anwar Baig of Congress, who was elected as Deputy Mayor.

Corporators Ayub Khan and Arif Hussain remained neutral when the voting for Mayor's post took place and as such Rukmini got 43 votes instead of 45. But Ayub Khan and Arif Hussain voted for Baig and Corporator Sridhar went out of the hall when the voting for Deputy Mayor's post took place. As such, Baig got 44 votes instead of 45.

BJP's Sunanda Palanetra, who had filed nomination for Mayor's post, secured 26 votes while Satwik of BJP, who had filed papers for Deputy Mayor's post, secured 26 votes.

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'Don't harass Kerala visitors in the name of RT-PCR report'

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha tells District Health Officers

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha addressing the DISHA meeting at ZP Hall here this morning as DC Rohini Sindhuri looks on.

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (RK&SSV)- Even as the State Government has made it mandatory for visitors from Kerala and Maharashtra to produce RT-PCR negative report to enter Karnataka border, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has directed the District Authorities not to insist on negative report and allow them after thermal scanning.

Two days ago, Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar had issued direction in this regard following explosion of Corona positive cases in Kerala and Maharashtra, and insisted on people from those States to compulsorily show RT-PCR negative report while crossing the Karnataka border. This had been done as per suggestions of the COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) headed by Dr. M.K. Sudarshan to prevent second wave of COVID-19 pandemic.

This morning, while presiding over District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting at the ZP Hall here, Simha asked Health Department Officers not to pressurise Kerala visitors to produce RT-PCR negative report as the Kerala State Government is holding a meeting in this regard after two days. Till then, the visitors' vehicles should not be stopped for non-producing of negative report. However, they could be allowed after random checking with thermal scanner. "Don't harass them in the name of RT-PCR report," he added.

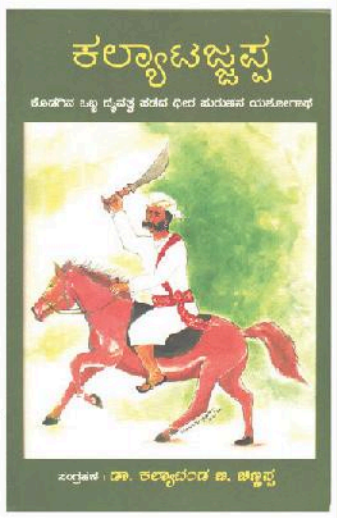
(See KERALA VISITORS on page 7)

BOOK AVAILABLE

ಕಲ್ಯಾಟಜ್ಜಪ್ಪ
(KALYATAJJAPPA)

A life story of a 16th century warrior-miracle man who has become a legend and folk hero of Kodagu.

Dr. Kalyatanda B. Chinnappa, an educationist, has collected information from different sources about this folk hero who died young and produced a book covering the whole aspect of his life from birth to his early end and even thereafter as a powerful spirit. This book in Kannada is available at places mentioned below:



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Women's World Heart Day
celebrated at Cauvery Hospital

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (KS) - Women's World Heart Day was celebrated with the theme 'GO RED for Women' at Cauvery Heart and Multi-Speciality Hospital on Bannur Road here recently. The programme was conceptualised and conducted by Department of Cardiology, Cauvery Hospital.

On Feb. 19, a Heart Healthy Cooking contest was organised in which more than 70 dishes were prepared by the enthusiastic staff and doctors of the hospital. Well-known Physician Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, international chef Jerome Emilian and entrepreneur Chaya Nanjappa were the judges, who selected winners in three categories — Healthy Main Course, Healthy Snacks and Healthy Desserts.

Consultant Cardiologist Dr. T.R. Sridhar gave a talk on importance of a healthy diet.

On Feb. 20, the valedictory function was held by holding an educative programme by Chief Interventional Cardiologist Dr. Rajagopal Jambunathan about the importance of taking care of women's health. The talk on how to achieve optimal cardiovascular health in women was delivered by Consultant Clinical Cardiologist Dr. Vanitha. Chairman of Cauvery Hospital Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar spoke about the efforts of the hospital in educating the public about importance of preventive care.

Chief guest Salma Subhan Khan distributed prizes to the winners of cooking competition. Every participant was given a gift hamper. Earlier, Consultant Cardiologist Dr. Yatish welcomed and introduced the guests.

Managing Director of Cauvery Hospital Dr. Sarala Chandrashekar and others were present on the occasion.

Bags Intl. Awards, recognition

Dr. Mohan Krishna

Mysuru, Feb. 24- Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, has been bestowed with international awards and recognition from various organisations.

Recently, he was awarded Sir J.C. Bose International Excellence Achievement Award by The Economic for Health and Educational Growth, New Delhi, for science popularisation and Communication and Researcher Award by VD Good Technology Factory, Chennai.

He has been selected as 'Fellow' for Royal Aeronautical Society, London, REST Institute of Research Institute and Institute for Engineering Research and Publications, Chennai. He is even professionally associated with ASM International, Ohio, USA.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Local pollution, climate damage and new economic opportunities tied to climate and environment are all important to our national interests. While an enormous amount remains to be done, the environment has long left behind the confines of the sandbox. What a time, then, to send a signal to the young citizens of this country — discouraging them from paying attention to, asking challenging questions about, and putting personal energy into acting on, the big issues of our day. India needs more, not less, engagement and energy around environmental issues. We may not always agree with the answers young activists come up with. We may sometimes disagree with the way in which they frame questions or seek attention for their cause. But as a society, we will be poorer if we silence them. *—Navroz K. Dubash in Hindustan Times*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Wanted man surrenders, fed up with people

Sussex: A wanted man surrendered to the police, saying he would rather go to jail than spend any more time with the people he was living with. Sussex Police in the UK said that the man turned himself in for some peace and quiet time.

The man, who has not been identified, was apparently fed-up of living with people in lockdown. So annoyed was he that he rang up and surrendered to Burgess Hill Police Station, deciding that prison would be better than his current living situation.

The bizarre incident has generated amusement on social media, where many said they could totally relate to the man's wish for some peace and quiet and others speculated about how terrible his housemates must have been to drive him to prison.

Handbag made allegedly from human spine

Jakarta: A fashion designer in Indonesia recently found himself at the center of an online controversy because of a fashion handbag he allegedly created from alligator tongues and an "ethically sourced" human spine.

Arnold Putra showcased the controversial fashion accessory on his Instagram account back in 2016, but it went unnoticed until a few days ago when a tweet about it went viral, sending thousands of people flocking to the young designer's Instagram, to check the bag is real.

Scroll down Putra's page to content from 2016 and, low and behold, the creepy bag shows up complete with a description that reads "alligator tongue and human osteoporosis spine bag by me". Obviously, people started asking questions...

The one-of-a-kind basket-style handbag was reportedly manufactured in Los Angeles and has a price of $5,000.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Joint pain and stiffness are hallmark symptoms of RA and often worse in the morning upon waking. Many people report that morning stiffness from RA is debilitating and disabling.

By Dr. Ravikiran H. G. - Consultant Orthopedics and Joint Replacement Surgeon

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COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	FEB. 22	FEB. 23
Day's Positive Cases	29	26
Total Positive Cases	53,941	53,967
Day's Discharges	34	11
Total Discharges	52,753	52,764
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	1,029	1,029
Total Active Cases	159	174

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

New team for Mysore Sindhis Trust

The new team for Mysore Sindhis Charitable Trust was elected at the Annual General Body Meeting held on Feb. 21 in city. Picture shows Deepak Sirwani (Chairman), Mukesh Bajaj (Secretary), Vishal Punjabi (Treasurer), Giridhar Chhabria, Raju Dembla, Anil Punjabi and Anil Ahuja (Committee Members).

REALLY...?

- ***The Sahara desert in Africa is the largest desert in the world. In fact, Sahara is only the largest HOT desert as the Arctic desert and the Antarctic desert are bigger, but are usually referred to as polar deserts.***
- ***The Sahara Desert spans some 8,600,000 square kilometres. However, this changes over time as the actual area of the desert expands and contracts with the seasons.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A boy went to an eye specialist to have eyes tested.

Doctor: *Do you watch TV often?*

Boy: *Yes.*

Doctor: *When is it most difficult?*

Boy: *When current goes!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 72.35
1 UK Pound	= Rs.102.59
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.69
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.93

VOICE OF THE READER

Bumper collection of traffic fines: A suggestion

Sir,

The news item titled ***"Rs. 1.50 crore collected as fines every month"*** appearing in *SOM* dated Feb.21 is really disturbing.

The Government of India, Government of Karnataka and Mysuru City Traffic Police are spending lakhs of rupees to educate the public about the traffic rules. But the fines collected indicate that the education has not percolated to the minds of the undisciplined vehicle owners.

Though Mysuru City Traffic Police are in the forefront for organising various types of educative traffic awareness days and traffic awareness weeks, it is sad to note that motorists have miserably failed to respond to their sincere efforts.

With the bumper collection of fines, Mysuru City Traffic Police can spend a part of the fines towards the following expenses which will be of immense help to the law-abiding citizens :

a) To install or replace all existing traffic signal lights with "high mast signal lights." This will help the law-abiding motorists from their un-intentional signal light jumping, which happens by following a heavy duty vehicle in front that blocks the view of the signal light while moving.

b) To repair all defunct traffic signal lights — on top priority the signal lights at Panchavati Circle.

c) To install traffic signal lights at the busy Gokulam road and Hunsur road junction.

d) To install traffic signal lights at Ayurveda College Circle (need not wait for the completion of Irwin road widening).

—K. Chandrahas

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Withdraw order on penalty for late licence renewal: Textile merchants urge MCC

Mysuru, Feb. 24- The Mysore Textile and Readymade Garments Merchants Association has urged the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to withdraw the order imposing 30 percent penalty for late renewal of licence.

In a letter written to the MCC Commissioner, a copy of which has been sent to the Chief Minister, the Association, having office at Shivayana Mutt road, D. Devaraj Urs Road Cross, said that the outbreak of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic in March last year has badly hit the textile sector, just like any other sector.

Pointing out that textile, ready-made garments and other such shops were closed for months following the nationwide lockdown, it said that many shops were forced to shut down either due to huge losses or for want of business in post-lockdown period. It is but natural that under such trying circumstances, most of the textile merchants could not renew their trade licence.

The MCC should have acted on the repeated pleas of merchants and come to their rescue by waiving off at least a part of the trade licence fee for the year 2020-21. But the MCC has done otherwise, by issuing an order asking the merchants to renew trade licence along with a late penalty of 30 percent, latest by Feb.26, which is nothing but unfortunate, the Association said and warned of staging an intensive protest if MCC failed to withdraw its order.

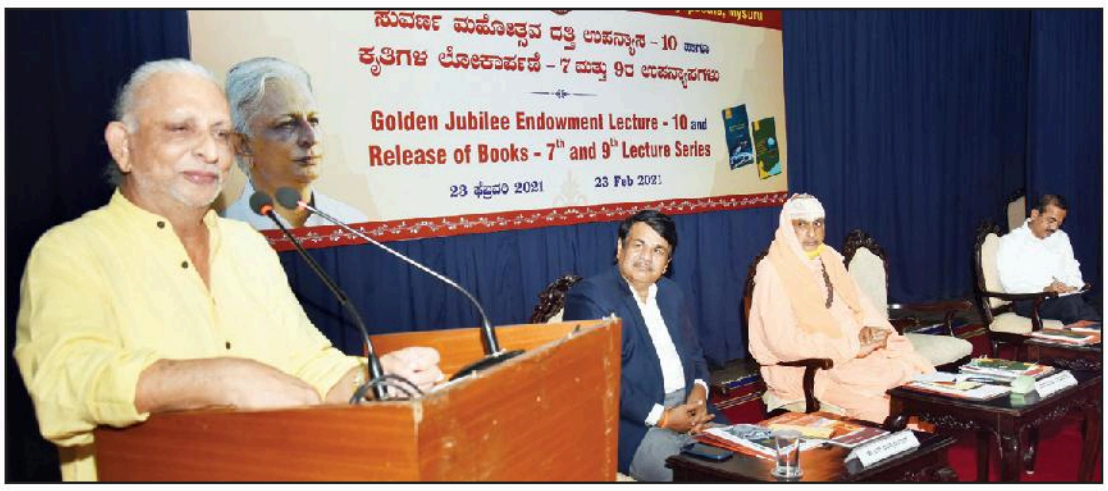
Surya Jayanthi and Yoga Session

Mysuru, Feb. 24- On the occasion of Rathasapthami (Surya Jayanthi), the Department of Yoga, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research, had organised a Yoga session on Feb.19 at Suttur Mutt, Mysuru.

"Surya Jayanthi marks the birth of Surya and hence the celebration while Yoga is the best preventive medicine available for mankind to control stress and modulate immune system," observed Dr. M.U. Sujan, Assistant Professor, Department of Yoga, JSS AHER.

Spiritual Guide Sri M delivers JSS Endowment Lecture

Two books by ISRO Chairman Dr. A.S. Kiran Kumar and IMF Chief Economist Dr. Gita Gopinath released



Mysuru, Feb. 24 (RK&SD)- JSS Mahavidyapeetha had organised its 10th Golden Jubilee Endowment Lecture Series and book release programme at JSS College for Women, Saraswathipuram in city yesterday.

Founder of BRAINS (Bangalore Regenerative Advanced Institute of Neurosciences), Bengaluru, Dr. N.K. Venkataramana released former ISRO Chairman Dr. A.S. Kiran Kumar's work 'Space Technology and Societal Applications' and renowned International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Chief Economist Dr. Gita Gopinath's work 'Globalisation — Challenges and The Need for Co-operation' (7th and 9th lecture series in book form) on this occasion.

Speaking after releasing the books, Dr. Venkataramana lauded the role of ISRO scientists and said, "The important works being carried out by ISRO, which is one of the leading space organisations in the world, has been explained in detail in Dr. Kiran Kumar's book. On the other hand, Dr. Gita Gopinath's work gives an insight into the importance of international co-operation. Reducing poverty is a daunting task for policy makers all over the world. This book provides a comprehensive evaluation and roadmap for such transformation."

Later, as part of Golden Jubilee Endowment Lecture Series, Spiritual Guru Mumtaz Ali Khan, popularly known as Sri M, Founder of Satsang Foundation at Madanapalle in Andhra Pradesh, spoke on the topic 'Sadhana — The Road to Liberation.' Sri M highlighted the importance of Sadhana or disciplined spiritual practice in our day to day life and other such spiritual aspects in detail.

Discussion as well as question and answer session was held for 15 minutes at the end of the programme where participants interacted with the Master. Over 350 participants attended the event.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graced the occasion.

City's Meritor HVS India (P) Ltd. Chairman and Executive Director Dr. N. Muthukumar presided. JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath welcomed.

Director of Publication Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Prof. Morabada Mallikarjuna proposed a vote of thanks.

CESC: Public Grievance Meet on Feb.26

Mysuru, Feb. 24- Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has organised a public grievance meeting of power consumers on Feb. 26 at 11 am at Ramakrishnanagar Sub-Divisional Office.

Public are requested to submit grievances in writing, according to a press release.

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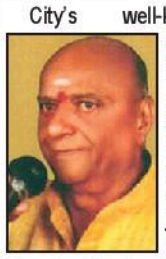
NEWS BRIEFS

AGM postponed to Mar. 21

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Mysuru District Vokkaligara Sangha, which was scheduled to take place on Feb. 28, has been postponed to Mar. 21 due to technical reasons, according to a press release from Sangha General Secretary B.P. Boregowda.

Kannada Award for Mike Chandru



City's well-known public announcer Mike Chandru has been selected for the Kannada Rajyotsava Award given jointly by Karnataka Samskrutika Parishat and Shrushti Shakti Samsthe, Bengaluru. Mike Chandru will be conferred with the Award at the State-level 'Karnataka Vaibhava' programme to take place at Karnataka Sanskrit University located behind Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Pampa Mahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru, at 10 am on Feb. 28.

Elected Directors

The following have been elected unopposed as Directors of the city's Sri Basaveshwara Housing Co-operative Society, having office on Ramanuja Road, for a five-year term: K.N. Ravishankar, N.S. Basavaraju, T.S. Lokesh, H.V. Basavaraju Hinkal, S. Yediyuraiah, K.C. Lokesh, M. Kumar Chikkahalli, M.S. Suryakumar, K.M. Madappa, Dr. Shyla Balaraj and J. Jyothi. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2440330.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

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Today	:	110.13	feet
Yesterday	:	110.82	feet
Inflow	:	503	cusecs
Outflow	:	4,384	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,270.41	feet
Inflow	:	113	cusecs
Outflow	:	560	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,823.35	feet
Inflow	:	111	cusecs
Outflow	:	30	cusecs

People will respect if you are honest and upright, District Minister tells probationary Police

District Minister S.T. Somashekar is seen watering a sapling at Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) premises in city yesterday. Picture right shows a section of Police personnel at an interaction programme.

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (SPN&SSV)- The State Government will get good name if Police personnel respond to people's problems. This is a lesson for those who are currently under training and later resume their duty, opined Co-operation and District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar. He was participating in an interaction with the probationary candidates undergoing training as Deputy Superintendent of Police (Dy.SP) and Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) at Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) here yesterday.

The Minister said everyone will respect once the trainee Police personnel get posting after completion of their basic training. The Karnataka Police was considered best in the country. The assailants of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi were nabbed by the State Police. The sense of duty and efficiency of Karnataka Police were appreciated countrywide, he added.

Somashekar said he had been in-charge of the district for the last one year and not a single untoward incident had happened during this time. Even the performance of Mysuru Cops during the lockdown was exemplary. If people sleep without worries that means Police were doing their duty. "Police must undergo good training and read important judgements which are available in City Library to update knowledge. Let it be any case but it needs to be probed from different angles. If you are honest, people will love you and the criminals will be scared of you."

Later, answering to a question on the chemistry between the elected representatives and the Police Department, the Minister said usually, the elected representatives would not allow nefarious activities and don't meddle in the Department affairs. The Cops would be respected by the elected representatives if they were honest, he noted.

Scams in Co-op. Banks

Replying to a question on the financial scams in Co-operative Banks, he said there were 280 Credit Co-operative Banks in the State of which irregularities had been reported only in three to four Banks.

For instance, in Raghavendra Co-operative Bank, there was an agreement between the Bank management and developers resulting in embezzlement of funds worth crores of rupees. To check this, tough rules were being framed and assets would be attached. Plans are afoot to bring amendment to the existing rules to prevent those involved in scams from getting stay orders from Court, he said.

Action would be initiated under Sec. 29C of the Act against the accused and before that an inquiry would be held by the Department of Co-operation.

Decision had been taken to expel President of any Co-operative Bank or Society, if found misusing depositors' money and also to file First Information Report (FIR) against the accused. All loopholes in the existing rules were being plugged to make it stringent. The Bill to amend the same would be tabled in the next Session, he added.

Somashekar said the State Government was extending its full co-operation to the Union Government which wants auditing of Co-operative Societies and bring it under the ambit of Reserve Bank of India (RBI). This would guarantee the depositors' money also. The confidence of people on Co-operative institutions must not go. In fact, the Police personnel were given loan for education of their children, he added.

KPA Director Vipul Kumar said the Minister knows everything about the Police Department and he was a role model politician.

Somashekar had invited suggestions on many issues but had not interfered in the Department's affairs anytime. If there is demand from other districts for Somashekar as their District-in-Charge Minister, it shows his helping nature and social concern, he opined.

Prime Minister Scholarship for children of Ex-servicemen

Mysuru, Feb. 24- Kendriya Sainik Board (KSB), Ministry of Defence, New Delhi, has informed that only 1,600 children of Ex-servicemen have applied for Prime Minister's Education Scholarship whereas 5,500 children of Ex-servicemen are eligible for the said scholarship every year.

In order to avail the benefits, the eligible children are requested to apply for PM Scholarship immediately.

Children of Ex-servicemen who have just joined first year MBBS, BDS, Engineering, Ag. B.Sc, BVSC, B.Pharmacy, etc., during the year academic year 2020-21 are eligible to apply.

The application needs to be registered online. List of courses is available on KSB website *[https://ksb.gov.in/]*. Last date to apply is Feb. 28. For assistance, students may visit their nearest District Sainik Welfare Office along with relevant documents.

The scholarship per year for boys is Rs. 30,000 and girls Rs. 36,000.

Interested may contact VeKare Ex-servicemen Trust, Mysuru, on Mob: 99001-01047.

House burgled at Lashkar Mohalla

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (SPN&KS)- Miscreants, who gained entry into a house on Kabir Road in Lashkar Mohalla here on Monday, have decamped with 300 grams gold jewellery, 50 silk sarees and other dresses, TV and other valuables from the house.

The burglary took place at the house of one Mohammed Ayub, when the family members had gone to a function after locking the house.

Mandi Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Obituary

Padma

Mysuru, Feb. 24- Padma (73), wife of late Srinivas and a resident of Medarakeri, passed away in city following brief illness. She leaves behind sons Nataraj (Proprietor of Srinivasa Fair Price Shop) and Balu and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed this afternoon at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

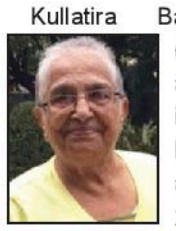
Javaregowda

Javaregowda (63), Congress leader and a resident of Lingadevarakoppal in the taluk, passed away on Tuesday at his residence.

He leaves behind his wife Mangalamma, two sons, a daughter, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the family's farmland this morning.

Kullatira Baby Subbapa



Kullatira Baby Subbapa (Machangada), a long time resident of Gokulam, passed away on Feb. 22 in Bengaluru. She was 88.

She leaves behind a son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held on the same day in Bengaluru.

Increasing tiger attacks in South Kodagu

Villagers take to social media to spread news on prowling big cats

Pushed to corner, people may use guns to shoot tigers, warns MLC Veena Achaiah

MLC Veena Achaiah addressing a press meet in Madikeri yesterday as District Congress Spokesperson Tatu Monappa, Party's Ponnampet Taluk President Meederira Naveen and MLC's PA Bollagira B. Aiyappa look on.

Ponnampet, Feb. 24 (PS& BCT)- The frequent appearance of tigers and killing of cattle heads in parts of South Kodagu has revived fears among locals who are pressurising the Forest Department to capture or shoot the big cats on the prowl.

Pressure is mounting on the Department to act ever since a teenage boy and a 60-year-old woman were killed within hours of each other on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. The forest team later captured a cat in Manchalli, 3 kms from the spot where it had attacked the woman, and it has since been moved to Mysuru *(see pic.)*

But attacks have continued and from Sunday last, three cows and one calf have been killed near Srimangala, Thavalageri village, just a kilometre from T Shettigeri. WhatsApp groups of Kodava community are flooded with reports of tiger sightings from villagers, warning fellow community members to be careful about the prowling big cats in many villages.

Today morning for example, there were messages on social media from Badagarakeri near Birunani where some locals said they saw the tiger entering an estate. Yesterday there were messages on the cat being spotted near Besagoor village.

Villagers have claimed that there are at least four to five tigers within the radius of 15 to 20 kms starting from Ponnampet till the border of Kerala. While the Forest Department officials say that loss of territory has forced certain big cats to migrate from the Nagarahole Tiger Reserve and to adopt thick coffee plantations as their territories. Nagarahole has 125 tigers and the density was 11.82 tigers per 100 square kilometres.

Political slugfest

Increasing tiger attacks in South Kodagu has also resulted in political slugfest. While MLAs from the ruling BJP are observing a stoic silence on the attacks and loss of lives — both human beings and cattle heads — the Opposition Congress and the JD(S) has upped the ante in criticising the Government.

MLC Veena Achaiah has urged the State Government to give permission to the people to shoot down man-eating tigers. "If the Government does not control the situation, the people may take to the guns, left without a choice," she said.

Addressing reporters in Madikeri yesterday, she said, "There is a situation of panic in South Kodagu and people are losing their patience. Many farmers have lost their livestock to tigers. The Government should wake up before the people take the law into their hands," she said.

"It is agreed that preservation of wild animals is our duty. But when it comes to the danger posed to the lives of people by tigers, we cannot keep quiet. If the Government cannot stop the attacks by wild animals, give a free hand to the villagers," she said and added that Forest Department officials in Bengaluru must come out of the air-conditioned rooms to know the ground realities of people.

District Congress leader Dharmaja Uthappa has said that tigers caught in forest fringes of other States and regions are being brought to Kodagu and are left inside the coffee plantations. "Of late huge lorries are moving in Srimangala, Kutta and Ponnampet regions near Nagarahole during midnight. The man-eater tigers captured in other districts and States are being released in South Kodagu. Earlier, the cases of tiger attacks were very less and now they have seen an exponential increase," he claimed.

"As the Nagarahole, Brahmagiri and Pushpagiri Wildlife Divisions are declared as preserved forests, the Forest Department is looking to increase forest cover by adding more and more green area as buffer zones. They are converting the district into a tiger reserve," he alleged.

UoM Research Project on Human Development Index Calculations for Tribal Groups

Mysuru, Feb.24 (DM)- The Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), University of Mysore (UoM), has initiated a project on Human Development Index calculations for Tribal Groups of Karnataka. The Project is sponsored by the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

CSSEIP Director Dr. D.C. Nanjunda said that the research project is moving at a slow pace because of the outbreak of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic last year. A visit to Tribal Hamlets (Haadis) was undertaken in January this year for collection of relevant data, he said.

Noting that Kerala was the first State to prepare the first Tribal Human Development Index in 2010, he said that now Karnataka becomes the second State to do so.

He further said that the report has gained a lot of significance, especially in the backdrop of recent spate of reservation seeking protests in Karnataka.

The Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs has funded Rs.30 lakh for the project, he added.

Explaining the objectives of the project, Dr. Nanjunda said that future planning will be done based on the inputs received from the social and economic status of 51 tribal groups in Karnataka, for which a survey of 2,989 tribal families has been carried out.

Maintaining that the survey was conducted in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts, he said that however, several micro tribal groups, mentioned in the 2011 census could not be traced. However, the search for such groups is being continued, he added.

UoM Mandya Post-Graduate Centre faculty Prof. G.S. Prem Kumar, who is also involved in the project, said that data on the health, education, economic, employment, income, basic facilities, mother and child mortality rate, land encroachment, community participation, gender sensitivity, ground water use, availing government facilities etc., is being collected. Also, a higher level data will be collected by organising public contact programmes at the taluk level and all the data so collected will be collated and uploaded in the special software developed for the purpose, he added.

Assistant Professor-cum-Assistant Director of CSSEIP Dr. P.T. Dinesha said that the Index will help in making a scientific assessment of the current status of tribal groups. The research will also throw light on the success and failures of Government programmes meant for tribal welfare and the apt measures that can be taken for reaching out Government schemes to all tribal groups, he added.

For details contact Mob: 09538431672 or email: *dinesha@uni-mysore.ac.in*, according to a press release.

Mayoral polls: How it unfolded

Separate contest move came after late-night parleys

BJP, Congress rally behind 'king-maker' JD(S); cards close to chest after late-night meeting

A view of MCC's Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Hall during polling this morning.

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (SBD&BCT)- Ahead of the city of Mysuru voting to elect its 23rd Mayor and Deputy Mayor, it was clear that the contest is a one-on-one fight between the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Congress while the Janata Dal (Secular) is taking a 'wait and watch' approach, hoping to be the 'King Maker'.

The previous Mayoral term, of JD(S)'s Tasneem, ended on Jan. 19. The agreement reached between the Congress and the JD(S) in 2018 made the JD(S) to support the Congress to keep the BJP out of power despite BJP having maximum seats. Now the situation has changes and both the parties are engaged in a cold war.

Though all the three parties — BJP, Congress and JD(S) — have been claiming till now that they will win the Mayor's post if an alliance is worked out and the alliance arithmetic was favourable to them, in a swift political development late last night, the three parties decided to put up their own candidates for the posts of Mayor and Deputy Mayor, forgetting the alliance talks. With the late development, it looked like no party will attain power in the Corporation and any talks of an alliance would be a failure.

Late last night, JD(S) leader and MLA S.R. Mahesh told *Star of Mysore* that the JD(S) patriarch and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda was against an alliance with the BJP and there is no inclination of the party to continue the alliance with the Congress.

The JD(S) is reportedly eyeing the Mayoral post, which is why party leaders have not really committed to both the BJP and the Congress."No Congress leader has approached us till the last moment and our leader Deve Gowda is against an alliance with BJP. We have decided to field our own candidate for Mayor and Deputy Mayor's posts," he said.

On the other hand, MLA Tanveer Sait had said yesterday that the Congress-JD(S) alliance would continue and as per the agreement with the JD(S), Congress has to get the Mayor's post. "We will give away the Deputy Mayor's post to JD(S).

The BJP too was hoping for an alliance with the JD(S) till the last moment. "We have already spoken with JD(S) leaders in this regard. The JD(S) will definitely support the BJP in the Mayor election," BJP MLA L. Nagendra said, exuding confidence of getting support from the JD(S).

Late-night meeting

JD(S) State President H.D. Kumaraswamy, who is staying at a resort in Mysuru, had a closed-door meeting with Mysuru District Minister and BJP leader S.T. Somashekar on the possible alliance between the two parties.

Not making his strategy public, Somashekar was cryptic in his answers to the queries of reporters. "In politics there has always been the relationship of give and take. We have not treated the JD(S) badly in any situation and we have a lot of mutual respect," he said.

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa too had spoken to Kumaraswamy over phone and sought an alliance in MCC. Though Yediyurappa had sought the post of Mayor for BJP, Kumaraswamy did not commit to saffron party.

After the meeting with Somashekar, Kumaraswamy met Tanveer Sait who was waiting at the resort since a long time. Both held a meeting and S.R. Mahesh too was present. But till late in the night, there was no clear-cut direction from the JD(S) though the party has issued a whip to all its MLAs and Corporators.

The waiting game continued till late Tuesday night.

BJP's Sunanda Palanetra walking out.

Waiting game till late night

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (LNY,MTY&BCT)- The Mysuru Mayoral polls this time was suspenseful even a day before the voting. This time the political scene was different over the strained relationship between Congress and JD(S), especially former Chief Ministers Siddharamaiah and H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK).

Both the leaders have indulged in mud-slinging and have been washing their dirty linen in full public view after the collapse of the JD(S)-Congress Coalition Government. The changed political scenario has had its effect on the Mysuru Mayoral election where the Congress-JD(S) had an alliance.

As the JD(S) did not make its stand clear till the last moment on Tuesday night for the Wednesday morning elections, the three parties were on a literal waiting mode. While Congress MLA Tanveer Sait was waiting outside a resort to meet Kumaraswamy, BJP Mayoral aspirant Sunanda Palanetra was seen sitting outside the party office till late in the night. Even the JD(S) Corporators were waiting for a final word from HDK.

It was a long wait outside the resort for Sait hoping to clinch the continuance of the alliance. Sunanda too was hoping for a last-moment surprise alliance between JD(S) and the BJP. But both Sait's and Sunanda's wait proved futile as the JD(S) kept its strategy close to its chest.

HDK blames Siddu

Without naming Siddharamaiah, Kumaraswamy lashed out at the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader and said that certain irresponsible statements made by him have resulted in the alliance break-up. HDK was speaking to reporters at a resort in Mysuru this morning.

He regretted that a Congress leader was speaking lightly about JD(S) and referred to Siddharamaiah's recent statement that he did not consider the JD(S) a political party at all.

"We had a coalition with Congress and we had sacrificed the Mayor's post under pressure. This time coalition has not been possible because of statements by certain Congress leaders. We won't go with anybody and we also will submit nominations, let us see who will get the opportunity to become the Mayor," he said.

"Our leader H.D. Deve Gowda has refused any coalition with anybody. He has asked us to maintain distance with both BJP and Congress. Hence we won't have a coalition with anyone. The time has come for us to show our strength. We have to pump confidence in our party activists and come to power independently in 2023," he added.

Rukmini is new Mayor of Mysuru

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The hung 65-member MCC has 22 members from the BJP, 19 from Congress and 18 from JD(S), besides one BSP member and five Independents. BJP MP Pratap Simha and MLAs S.A. Ramdas and L. Nagendra, JD(S) MLCs K.T. Srikantegowda and Marithibbegowda, Congress MLA Tanveer Sait and MLC R. Dharmasena voted in today's election. JD(S) MLA G.T. Devegowda and MLC Sandesh Nagaraj were conspicuous by their absence.

Out of the total 65 members, 32 are women Corporators. While the BJP has 13 women Corporators, the JD(S) has 11; Congress has 7, and the BSP has one.

The Mayoral election was suspenseful till the last moment as late last night it was decided by Congress, JD(S) and BJP to file separate nominations. Accordingly, Sunanda Palanetra (BJP), Rukmini Madegowda (JD-S) and Shanthakumari (Congress) filed nominations for Mayor's post while Satwik Sandesh Swamy (BJP), Anwar Baig (Congress) and Samiulla (Independent) filed papers for Deputy Mayor's post. Subbaiah of BJP was a dummy candidate for Deputy Mayor's post.

Though it was officially announced by Kumaraswamy that the alliance with Congress was over, local leaders of the JD(S) and Congress held separate meetings and decided to keep the alliance and deny power to the BJP.

Regional Commissioner G.C. Prakash greeting new Mayor Rukmini and Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig as MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag** (extreme right) **looks on.

Sources said that five JD(S) Corporators from minority community led by Abdullah, the party's candidate for NR Assembly Constituency in the last elections, were opposed to the party aligning with BJP. They feared that an alliance with the BJP will hit the party's electoral prospects in minority-dominated areas.

Regional Commissioner G.C. Prakash was the Returning Officer.

New MCC Comr.

The Government has appointed Shilpa Nag as MCC Commissioner after transferring Gurudatta Hegde. She took charge on Feb. 22 but was not present at the MCC as she had additional work. She was present today during the voting.

'Don't harass Kerala visitors'

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No facility to converted tribals

MP Pratap Simha also directed the District Administration not to extend any Government facility to those tribals who have converted into Christianity in many *haadis* (hamlets).

Any facility, including loan to build houses, education, electricity connection and other benefits of both the State and the Union Governments should not be extended to them at any cost. The authorities concerned have utterly failed to check conversion of tribals into Christianity, he added.

Other decisions of DISHA meeting

- Take doctors on contract basis and post them to Primary Health Centres (PHCs)
- Complete both Melapura and Hongalli Drinking Water Projects on time.
- Set target for the completion of Jal Jeevan Mission.
- Education Department must step up coaching to improve SSLC pass percentage.
- Dump Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste into 10-acre plot near Belavadi 'temporarily.'
- Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) instructed to identify suitable land to dump C&D waste.
- Forest Department asked to supply 6,000 ornamental plants for Service Road and also tree guards.
- Re-start PM Matru Vandana Yojana to provide nutritious food to pregnant women.
- Supply good quality food to tribal hostels.
- Set up Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) to check inflow of sewage water into Dalvoy and Lingambudhi lakes.
- Construct soak pits around Chamundi Hill to harvest rain water.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri, Zilla Panchayat (ZP) President Parimala Shyam, ZP Vice-President Gowramma Somashekar, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) A.M. Yogesh and Heads of various Departments were present at the meeting.

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World's largest cricket stadium renamed 'Narendra Modi Stadium'

Ahmedabad, Feb. 24 (Agencies)- President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the newly revamped Motera Cricket Stadium in Ahmedabad, which has been renamed the Narendra Modi Stadium, today.

Home Minister Amit Shah and Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju, along with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Secretary Jay Shah, were also present at the event.

The Narendra Modi Stadium — the largest cricket ground in the world with a capacity of 1,10,000 — will host its first international match today, when India will take on England in the Day-Night Test. The Stadium will be a part of the planned Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Sports Enclave in the city.

"Coupled with Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Sports Enclave and Narendra Modi Stadium in Motera, a sports complex will also be built in Naranpura. These three will be equipped to host any international sports event," Shah said at the event.

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INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer PWD QUALITY ASSURANCE has published Tender notification for Providing, supplying, assembling and demonstrating LAB EQUIPEMENTS including warranty goods & service tax etc complete To Kushalanagara Quality Assurance Lab Situated at Kushalanagara Taluk, Madikeri District Karnataka State. **Tender Amount Rs.3.66 Lakhs & As per Government order No:DE675:ಪೆಚ್ಚ–12/2020,**ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿನಾಂಕ:**22.12.2020 EMD amount has been relaxed and the contractors have to upload the declaration form in the respective tenders. This order is valid till 31.12.2021.** Tenders shall be Submitted in e-procurement Portal **(http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** from **Dt: 20.02.2021 to 02.03.2021** with in **5.30 PM.** The Supplyer/Manufacturer/Dealer/ Contractors are eligible. More details can be obtained from the office of the under Signed during office hours. Any amendments or modifications in tender notification will be published in e-procurement.

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Digging borewells?

Permission must from Ground Water Authority

Mysuru, Feb. 24- In a move aimed at checking indiscreet use of ground water, Deputy Commissioner (DC) **Rohini Sindhuri** said that it is mandatory for industries, commercial establishments, mining units, infrastructure development sector and such others, to get a 'No Objection Certificate (NOC)' from Ground Water Directorate and Karnataka Ground Water Authority, for using ground water and digging borewells.

The DC was speaking at a meeting of District Ground Water Committee at her office here recently.

Stressing on the need for judicious use of ground water, she said that ground water users can apply online through the Authority websites ***[https://Kgwasakala.karnataka.gov.in*** or ***https://antharjala.Karnataka.gov.in]*** till April 30 to get permission to dig borewells.

Pointing out that it is mandatory for borewell rig machines to get registered with Karnataka Ground Water Authority, she said that members of the public and local officials can lodge complaints at their jurisdictional Police Stations if borewell rig machines from other States that are not registered, are found digging borewells in urban or rural areas.

She also asked the Police and RTO officials to carry out checks on unauthorised borewell rigs and take necessary action if any illegalities are found.

Continuing, Sindhuri said that all Government Departments, Local Bodies, Boards and Corporations should set a precondition that only those rig owners who have secured 7A license from the Ground Water Authority and Registered Borewell Companies can participate in the tender process for digging borewells.

Also, private land owners, site owners and all Government Departments, which want to dig borewells, must inform the respective concerned local authorities at least 15 days in advance of digging borewells and get NOC from the authorities.

Further, the site owners and Departments must engage only 7A licence holders for digging borewells. Also, it is mandatory to safely close all failed borewells taking all safety precautions, failing which the concerned site owners, land owners, borewell contractors and rig agencies will be held responsible in case of any mishaps that may arise out of uncovered failed borewells, the DC said.

Referring to farm activities involving ground water, the DC said that farmers must adopt drip irrigation in order to conserve ground water. Also, industries and other commercial establishments must install rain water harvesting systems and must recycle waste water as a water conservation measure.

She further stressed on the need for industrial establishments and other ground water users to take measures for ground water recharging and evolve other action plans for water conservation.

MDJA's 2021 calendar, diary released

District Minister S.T. Somashekar, along with Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha and MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev seen releasing the 2021 calendar and diary brought out by Mysuru District Journalists' Association (MDJA) at an event held at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city on Monday as MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar (RK), General Secretary M. Subramanya, City Vice-President M.S. Basavanna (Anurag Basavaraj), City Secretary P. Rangaswamy and Rural Secretary M. Mahadev look on.

District Minister performs *Guddali Puja* for improvement of Ring Road

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (RK&DM)- District Minister S.T. Somashekar on Monday performed *(Guddali Puja)* ceremony for strengthening and improvement on the stretch (from KM 10 to KM 41.535) of NH-275K (Mysuru Ring Road with construction of Service Road) of Ring Road, near Maramma Temple at Dattagalli.

Speaking on the occasion, Somashekar said that the works on the stretch of the Ring Road from Old Kesare Gate, passing through Deve Gowda Circle, RMC Circle, Srirampura Circle, Dattagalli KEB Circle and ending at Hinkal Junction, covering a distance of 31 kms has been launched.

Pointing out that this a Rs. 14,471.88 lakh project, which is being executed by Bengaluru-based Contractor Ganapathi Stone-Crushers, he said that once the work from both ends of the Ring Road are completed, then it will be a smooth travel for vehicles.

Noting that the Ring Road is 42 kms in length, he said that LED lights will be installed all along the Ring Road, with Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) sharing power bills.

Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda, MP Pratap Simha and officials from MUDA, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), MCC and Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) were present.

Rotary Tender Vision project launched

Mysuru, Feb. 24- District Governor Rtn. M. Ranganath Bhat formally inaugurated the Rotary Ivory Tender Vision Global grant project of the Rotary Foundation at Usha Kiran Eye Hospital recently. Under this project, Sri Vivekananda Sevashrama and Usha Kiran Eye Hospital, who have been working together for the last 12 years, will screen eyes of Government School children and provide spectacles to correct refractive errors and perform eye surgeries for treating squint, early cataract, drooping eyes, etc.

The project aims at providing 1,200 spectacles and support 50 surgeries. Under this project, two equipment are being donated to the hospital that would help in performing surgeries.

The main host of this project is Rotary Club of Ivory City Mysuru, supported by Rotary Bangalore Koramangala, Rotary Bangalore District 3190 E Club, Rotary Senhora da Hora and Rotary Esposende of Portugal and Rotary Guildford, UK.

On the occasion of inauguration, senior Rotarians, Rtn. B. Harish, President of Rotary Ivory City Mysuru, Rtn. Dr. M.K. Sachidananda, Secretary, Rtn. Sunil Baliga, former Asst. Governor, Rtn. Dr. Ravikumar from Rotary Bangalore Koramangala, Rtn. Past President M. Perumal, Rtn. S. Balachandra, AG Rohith Ramdeo, Rtn. Ifthikar Ahmed, Dr. Ravi Shankar of Usha Kiran Eye Hospital and Sethuram of Sri Vivekananda Sevashrama were present.

MLA launches park development works

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (RKB&KS)- Krishnaraja (KR) MLA S.A. Ramdas on Monday performed *guddali puja* for the park development works near St. Mary's Circle in Ward No. 55 and also inaugurated the pure drinking water unit in the premises of Pattaladamma Temple at D. Devaraj Urs Colony in Ward No. 62.

Speaking on the occasion, Ramdas said that two parks would be developed as Radio Parks at a cost of Rs. 18 lakh and added that the management of Ramakrishna Hospital has come forward to maintain the park near St. Mary's Circle.

Corporators Shanthamma Vadivelu and M.V. Ramprasad, Umashankar, Dr. Lakshmi Umashankar, Shivappa, Murali, Vijaya, Shivalingachar and others were present.

970 students receive degrees at JSS Graduation Day

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (MTY&DM)- Stating that it is important to see that the education we have got does not get stagnated at any point of time, Dr. V.N. Balaji, Founder of Bengaluru's Jubilant Biosys Limited, said that there should be no contradictions between education that we have acquired and the life we lead.

He was delivering the Convocation address at the 13th Graduation Day of JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science on Ooty Road here on Friday last.

Asserting that all the knowledge and education we have acquired will be more meaningful if we implement it in our daily life, Dr. Balaji said that it is also important that graduates become more sensitive, creative and develop leadership qualities.

Noting that Graduates should look to become entrepreneurs and provide employment to youths, rather than just seeking jobs elsewhere and everywhere, he said that China and America occupy the top two positions, while India comes third when it comes to education, for which position institutions such as JSS have contributed a lot. He further said that JSS Institutions have revolutionised education and learning.

"Educational Institutions play a vital role in imparting education based on the needs and demands of the society. The JSS Institution is playing a vital role in expanding the horizons of education and thus contributing for the growth and progress of the country. It is heartening to note that the Institution has also taken the lead in creating opportunities for newer innovations and explorations in education and research in various fields," he pointed out.

JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath administered oath to graduates.

A total of 970 students were conferred Graduate and Post-Graduate degrees on the occasion.

Also, 62 top rankers were distributed endowment prizes and certificates. College CEO Prof. B.V. Sambashivaiah, Principal Dr. H.C. Honnappa and Controller of Examinations Dr. B. Prabhuswamy were present.

Elected as Senior Members of IEEE

Dr. Chandrashekar *Dr. Suchitra* *Dr. Geethashree* *Dr. Shilpa* *Dr. Sudheesh* *Dr. Jagadeesh*

Mysuru, Feb. 24- Six faculty members of Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE) have been elevated as Senior Members of Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), the world's largest technical professional organisation dedicated to advancing technology for the benefit of humanity.

The faculty members of the Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering of VVCE, namely **Dr. Chandrashekar M. Patil,** Professor & Head, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, **Dr. M. Suchitra,** Professor and four Associate Professors, **Dr. A. Geethashree, Dr. R. Shilpa, Dr. K.V. Sudheesh** and **Dr. B. Jagadeesh,** have been elected as Senior Members of IEEE very recently.

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Charter Ceremony of Inner Wheel Aisiri

The Charter Presentation Ceremony of the recently formed Inner Wheel Club of Mysuru Aisiri (Inner Wheel District 318- Charter No.6844) was held at Rotary West Hall in Saraswathipuram recently in the presence of Inner Wheel District 318 Chairman Varija Jagadeesh. Inner Wheel Club of Mysuru Aisiri President Lakshmee Thejaswi, Secretary Geeta Montadka, Vice-President Radha Vinay, Joint Secretary Y.P. Kavitha, Treasurer Rukmini Chandran, Editor Soundhari Harsha, ISO Rashmi Nagendra, Executive Committee Members Dr. Rekha, Dr. K.S. Ramya, Anitha Venkatesh, Saroja Bheemaiah, Arati Narayan, Souhardini Raj, Sudhamani and other Charter Members were present on the occasion.

WORD OF THE DAY

Prothalamion

Pronunciation: proh-thuh-LAY-mee-un.
Meaning: A song in celebration of a marriage.
Origin: In 1595, the newly-wed Edmund Spenser wrote a poem to his young bride. He gave this poem the title Epithalamion, borrowing a Greek word for a song or poem in honour of a bride and bridegroom. Epithalamion, which eventually became established as an English word, can be traced to Greek words that mean "upon the bridal chamber." A year later, Spencer was inspired to write another nuptial poem—this time in celebration of the marriages of the Earl of Worcester's two daughters. But since the ceremonies had not yet taken place, he did not want to call it an epithalamion. After some reflection, Spencer decided to separate epi- from thalamion and wed the latter with pro- ("before"), inventing a word that would become established in the language with the meaning "a song in celebration of a marriage." **Example:** "In that month Ghalib wrote a prothalamion on the occasion of the forthcoming marriage of king's youngest son, Mirza Jawan Bakht." — Ralph Russell

THE ODD WORD

Paletot

Loose overcoat.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Pecking order

Meaning: 'Pecking order' is the name given to a form of hierarchy in which the most dominant takes precedence.
Origin: The form of social organisation called a pecking order was first observed in domestic hens. It might be thought that the phrase refers to the order in which animals eat - dominant first and so on down to weakest. It is the case that the dominant hens eat first, although this isn't quite how the term originated. The pecking isn't of food but of each other. Hens are social animals and form themselves into a hierarchy. The dominance is established and maintained by pecking. The more dominant peck the less dominant and so on down the chain. A pecking order was the name given to resulting hierachy. For the origin, we need to travel to Continental Europe. Enter the Norwegian zoologist Thorleif Schjelderup-Ebbe. In 1921 Schjelderup-Ebbe submitted a PhD dissertation on the behaviour of chickens. He called the dominance hierarchy Hackliste. This was later translated into German as Hackordnung and later, in the citation given below, into English as pecking order. That first usage in English is from K. C. Creasy's translation of Alverdes' Social Life in Animal World, 1927: Such 'pecking orders' give the society concerned a certain degree of organisation.

QUOTE BOX

Any coalition, especially where one party is more powerful than the other, it's always bound to have a pecking order. **—Peter Hook**

RIDDLE THIS

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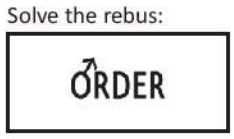

Answer: Mail order.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Thailand money
5 President Eisenhower's nickname?
8 Ski lift (1-3)
12 It may be bright or big
13 Not bold
14 Inter ____ : among other things, in Latin
15 Cause to shrink
17 An animal, especially a horse, having a coat sprinkled with white or gray
18 Not elsewhere specified, abbr.
19 Male feline
21 Columbus' birthplace
24 Aircraft Owners & Pilots Assoc.
25 Not at home
26 Whitened, faded or etiolated
30 Become firm
31 Roman prophetess
32 Dutch commune
33 Introduction
35 Musical form in Hindustani classical music
36 Dutch cheese
37 Even more faintly coloured
38 Abduct for a ransom
41 Incline head
42 Highly expectant
43 Prognosticates or forecasts
48 Short for 'this month'
49 A unit of illumination
50 Top-notch (1,3)
51 Angler's catch?
52 Ambulance person: abbr.
53 Short letter

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

F	E	B	■	T	A	R	A	■	B	A	B	Y
A	L	A	■	U	N	I	T	■	E	P	E	E
R	O	T	A	T	I	O	N	■	L	E	A	N
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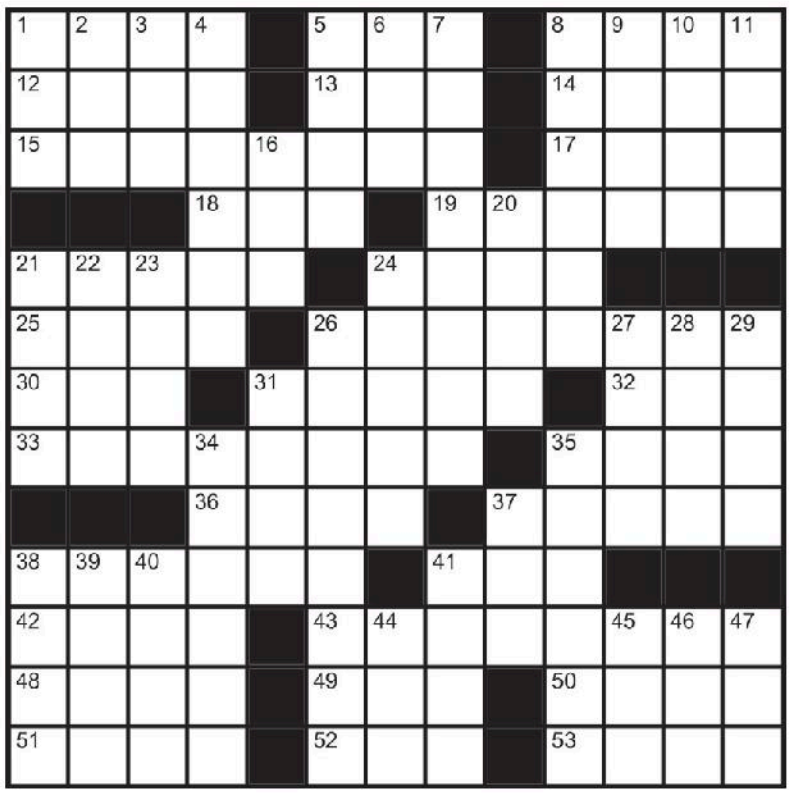
B	O	E	R	■	M	I	N	O	R	I	T	Y
E	L	A	L	■	A	M	I	D	■	N	E	O
T	O	M	Y	■	C	A	N	E	■	G	N	U

DOWN

1 Offer a price at an auction?
2 Much ___ About Nothing : Great Bard's comedy?
3 Cut with an axe
4 Loudspeaker system
5 Sister of Osiris
6 Frequency unit
7 See __ __ __ : agree on what's important? (3,2,3)
8 Airport runway
9 Political alliance
10 American Inst. of Aeronautics and Astronautics
11 Have a fit
16 Body of water
20 Milky white gem
21 Catch one's breath
22 A large mouthed pitcher or jug
23 Western acronym
24 Collection of songs or photographs
26 New York City (3,5)
27 Make better
28 Border
29 Expensive
31 Common additive to alcoholic spirits
34 Linear extent
35 A unit of angular measure
37 Seed vessel
38 Bollywood star Katrina ____
39 Fire: comb. form or prefix?
40 Sleep or kip down?
41 The one after
44 Cane spirit
45 Dove sound
46 Explosive chemical Trinitrotoluene in short
47 ___ the light : understand or realize one's mistake, etc.?



SUDOKO

3							5	
	1	2						8
		5	9			4		
1				6	3	7	9	
	7	9	4	8				2
		4			2	6		
8						3	2	
	3							5

Answer to previous puzzle

5	4	9	2	7	6	8	1	3
7	3	2	5	8	1	4	9	6
6	1	8	3	9	4	7	2	5
9	5	3	7	4	2	1	6	8
2	8	6	1	5	3	9	7	4
1	7	4	9	6	8	3	5	2
3	6	7	8	1	5	2	4	9
8	9	5	4	2	7	6	3	1
4	2	1	6	3	9	5	8	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

W FHY OTJWTIT HYUSEWYK, XQCIWATA SEHS WS

WZ PVWST WYFQTAWOJT - CZFHQ BWJAT

TODAY'S CLUE: K EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The love of liberty is the love of others; the love of power is the love of ourselves.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 24)

- **Rangavalli, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Parshwa Sangeetha,' Kiru Rangamandira (Mini Theatre), Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

A scene from the play 'Parshwa Sangeetha.'

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	(S-2)	8.10 am, 3.40 pm 6.45 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-3)	8.05 am, 11.10 am, 2.15 pm
	(S-4)	8.00 am, 11.00 am 4.40 pm, 9.55 pm
Tom And Jerry (E)	(S-1)	11.15 am, 4.35 pm
	(S-4)	7.45 pm
Naandhi (Te)	(S-2)	11.15 am
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-3)	6.55 pm, 9.55 pm
Chakra (Ta)	(S-4)	2.00 pm

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	(S-2)	10.00 am, 1.30 pm 5.15 pm, 9.00 pm
	(S-3)	2 pm, 5.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-3)	10.15 am; (S-4) 3.30 pm
Tom and Jerry (E)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 1 pm, 7.10 pm
Chakra (Ta)	(S-4)	9.40 pm

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Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-1)	10.45 am, 4 pm, 7.15 pm
Pogaru (K)	(S-2)	11.40 am, 2.50 pm, 6.00 pm, 9.15 pm
	(S-3)	4.30 pm, 7.45 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am, 1.45 pm
Chakra (Ta)	(S-4)	6.30 pm, 9.00 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

'Silver Days Again' wins Trophy

Prabhakar Kaujalagi presenting 'The Andolana Trophy' to P. Woods, Racing Manager for Jatin Laxmikant Trivedi and Nitin Himmatmal Jain - owners of** Silver Days Again**, which won the event on the 10th day of Mysore Winter Races held yesterday. The winning horse, trained by Rakesh, was ridden by Jockey Akshay Kumar. Others seen are** (from left) **MRC Chairman L. Vivekananda, H. Kusumakar Shetty, B.U. Chengappa and Y.P. Udayashanker.

Research scholar wins gold in kick-boxing

G. Anandkumar, Research Scholar, Department of Commerce, Maharaja's College, University of Mysore (UoM), who participated in the 12th Karnataka State Kick-boxing Championship-2021 held at Yuvaraja's College premises on Feb. 13 in the senior category kick light event, has secured first place and won gold medal. He is seen receiving the certificate from C. Ravi, General Secretary of Karnataka Kick-boxing Association, at the prize distribution ceremony.

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 25)

- **Amrita Darshanam - International Centre for Spiritual Studies, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru Campus and South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur (Ministry of Culture, Governemtn of India):** Inauguration of 3-day international virtual workshop on 'The Ideology Inherent in the Tradition of Vedic Recitation and Practices - An exposure,' Prof. K.E. Devanathan, Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bengaluru, inaugurates the workshop, Amrita Campus, Bogadi II Stage, **9 am.** [Mob: 94496-77863 or 84382-60205]
- **Venkatagiri Prakashana, Kuvempunagar, Bharata Kannada Parishat, Vinayakanagar:** S. Swathi's 'Vatsalya Sindhura' book release and 'Shishira Kavi Sammelana,' Sri Chidananda Swamiji graces the occasion, Mysuru District Journalists' Association (MDJA) President S.T. Ravikumar (RK) inaugurates, retd. Joint Director of Collegiate Education Prof. Morabada Mallikarjuna releases the book, Bharata Kannada Parishat State President Dr. Raghavendra Kumar delivers keynote address, Bharata Kannada Parishat State Vice-President and author S. Swathi speaks, former President of District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Prof. N. Girigowda presides, Sri Nataraja Pratishtana auditorium, Shankara Mutt Road, **10.30 am.**
- **Vaidyavartha Prakashana:** Book release — K.S. Simha's 'Choupadiya Shishira' — by Public Libraries Department Director Dr. Satish Kumar Hosamani, JSS Science and Technology University VC Dr. Siddaramaiah inaugurates the programme, senior writer and columnist Prof. K. Bhyravamurthy speaks about the book, Vaidyavartha Prakashana Founder-Director Dr. MGR Urs presides, Ursu Jagruti Academy Charitable Trust President Vaidyaratna Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Chutuku Siri Ratna Halappa Gowda, Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) President A.S. Satish, Rotary Club of Ivory City Mysuru President Rtn. B. Harish and author K.S. Simha will be present, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **5 pm.**
- **Rangavalli, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Parshwa Sangeetha,' Kiru Rangamandira (Mini Theatre), Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

ISL 2020-2021

NorthEast stay on course for top-4 berth

Margao, Feb. 24- NorthEast United FC continued their quest for a top-four spot in Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) 2020-21 with a 2-1 win over SC East Bengal at the Fatorda Stadium here yesterday.

Suhair Vadakkepeedika opened the scoring for NorthEast in the second half and Sarthak Golui kicked the ball into his own net before scoring at the right end of the pitch late in the game for SC East Bengal.

The second half also saw Raju Gaikwad being sent off following a second yellow card.

AWARDS

Hero of the Match: Suhair Vadakkepeedika (Northeast United FC); **DHL Winning Pass of the Match:** Imran Khan (North-East United FC).

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Yesterday's Result

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